



H.RES. 1235 – EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL D-DAY REMEMBRANCE DAY, AND RECOGNIZING THE SPIRIT, COURAGE, AND SACRIFICE OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO FOUGHT AND WON WORLD WAR II

FLOOR SITUATION

H.Res. 1235 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Steve Scalise (R-LA) on June 3, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, but was never considered.

H.Res. 1235 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on June 10, 2008.

SUMMARY

H.Res. 1235 resolves that the House of Representatives supports the designation of National D-Day Remembrance Day, recognizes and honors the veterans who served on D-Day, and thanks them for their spirit, courage, and sacrifice.

BACKGROUND

On June 6, 1944, over 160,000 Allied troops landed on the heavily fortified beaches of Normandy, France and fought Nazi forces. According to the Army, more than 5,000 ships and 13,000 aircraft supporting the "D-Day" invasion, the Allied forces were victorious at Normandy. More than 9,000 Allied soldiers were killed during the successful D-Day invasion. The battle's success allowed more than 100,000 Allied soldiers to begin a campaign across Europe to defeat Nazi forces.

The [World War II Memorial](#) was opened to the public on April 29, 2004, on the National Mall immediately to the east of the Washington Monument. The Memorial was dedicated on May 29, 2004 as a tribute and in honor of the 16 million who served and the 400,000 who died while serving in the U.S. Armed forces during World War II.

According to the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs, there were over 2.9 million living World War II veterans as of September 30, 2007.

[Army D-Day website](#)

[U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs Statistics](#)

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